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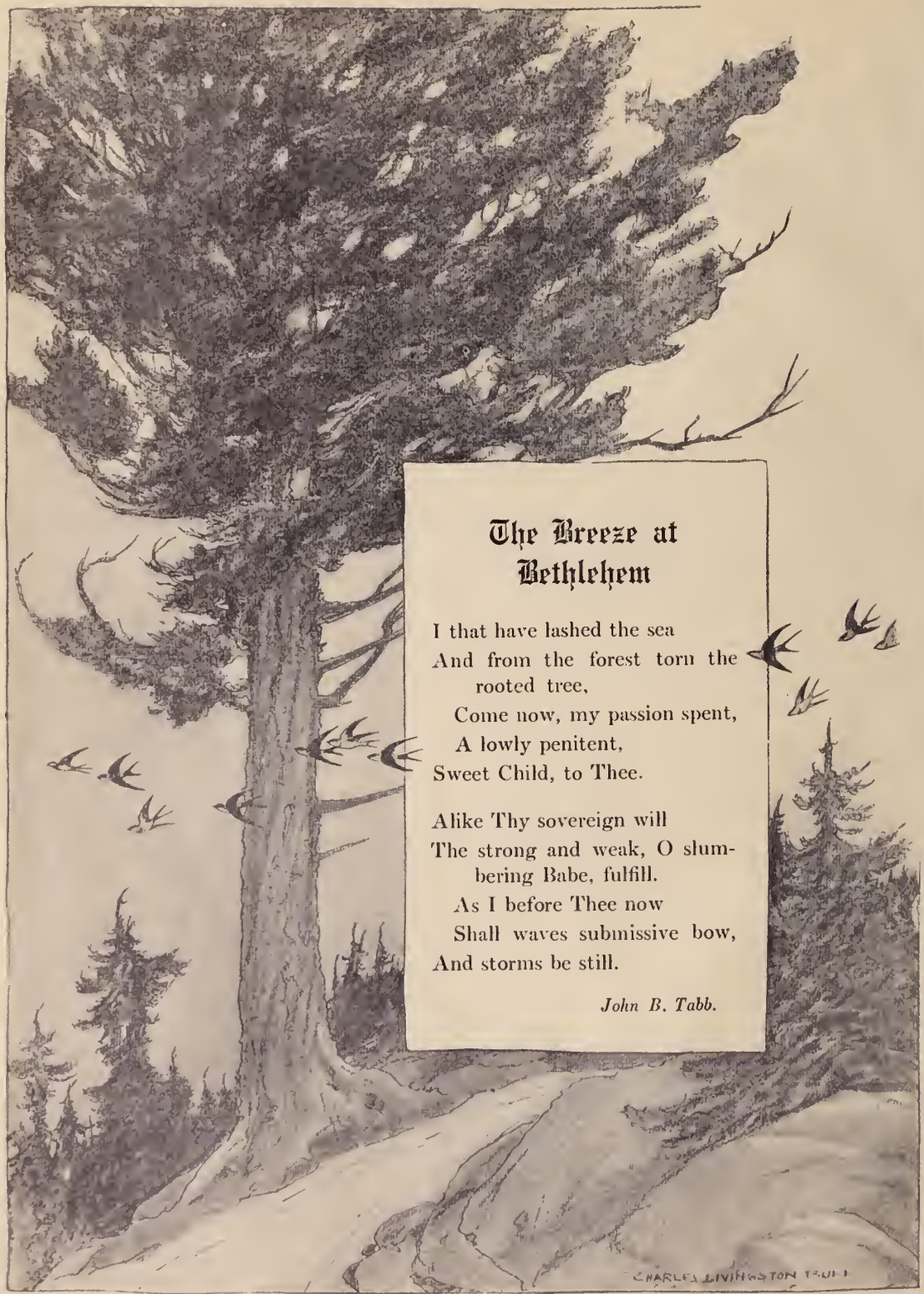

The Breeze at Bethlehem

I that have lashed the sea
And from the forest torn the rooted tree,
Come now, my passion spent,
A lowly penitent,
Sweet Child, to Thee.

Alike Thy sovereign will
The strong and weak, O slumbering Babe, fulfill.
As I before Thee now
Shall waves submissive bow,
And storms be still.

John B. Tabb.

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Wonderful is the record of the gifts to the progress of Christian work during last year from the believers in foreign fields. Africa gave $11,000; India, $118,000; Persia, $33,000; China, $88,000; the Orientals in the United States, $17,000, etc. Included in these amounts are hospital and educational fees, but every dollar of the total of $560,000 received from native sources goes toward distinct Christian advance, the upbuilding of the kingdom.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood, the General Secretary of the six Women's Boards, at the close of this fiscal year reports their total gifts in thousands as follows: Philadelphia, $182,000; Chicago, $131,000; New York, $201,000; St. Louis, $30,000; San Francisco, $25,000; Portland, $11,000—the exact total amounting to $583,797.03.

Growth comes out as a vivid fact at annual meetings. Every year reports grow longer, yet each chronicler is painfully conscious of what she is omitting of interest and information, and feels as if she were giving just bare bones when flesh and blood would be much more adequate.

Ten years from now the girls who are graduating from college to-day must be the leaders in our organized mission work. It is well if they have been trained in Westminster Guilds, have felt the inspiring touch of a consecrated student secretary, have seen the vision opened by those set apart to reveal it; well if, by any of the means the Spirit uses, they have even begun to realize that they may be as truly "called" to the work at home as to that abroad. It is recorded of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes that he steadily declined to dull his wit by submitting to the boredom of serving on committees. Many a brilliant and original woman has inwardly revolted against this wearing grind, has felt that she could not endure discussing motions, preparing programmes, keeping accounts. But to her honor be it said, she has done it faithfully. And in doing it she—like that "great woman" of Shunem who concerned herself with the prophet's "bed and table and stool and candlestick"—has had a deep spiritual reward.

In a recent letter Dr. Mary Fulton of Canton speaks of the funeral of Dr. Henry V. Noyes, to whom she refers lovingly as "the great peacemaker of our mission for the last forty-eight years." Could one ask for a more beautiful epitaph? "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the Children of God."

A fitting recognition of the services of Dr. Marcus B. Carleton to the lepers at Sabathu was his decoration by the King-Emperor of India with the Kaiser-i-Hind gold medal of the first class.

Renacimiento Filipino, a secular daily paper of Manila, is authority for the fact that recently in the public plaza of Vigan, the most important city in North Luzon, twenty-five hundred Bibles were burned by Roman Catholic friars with the anathema of the church. Protestant missionaries had been showing Scriptural cinematograph pictures and as a result the people had bought over six thousand Bibles. It was to counteract this interest that the friars planned what the newspaper calls "the most flagrant and iniquitous act perpetrated in the name of religion since the days of the Inquisition."

Miss Holliday writes interestingly of "the great thing that happened last week, the coming of the Russian soldiers, by twos and threes, almost every day,

and sometimes twice a day. They have been the men of the patrol who were on duty in this quarter, who would come in with their guns and sit an hour or so between their rounds, to hear the Bible read by one of their number who seems much interested, and to listen to explanations. Our interpreter does not know Russian well but he can make them understand. They want Bibles and Testaments—I have only some single Gospels in Russian; some of the soldiers have also asked if we will hold a religious service for them. . . . Our Turkish young men continue to come for morning and evening prayers, sometimes only one and then again any number up to six. They were alarmed one morning when the door opened and three Russian soldiers with their guns walked in; the natives all jumped up to go but the soldiers shook hands with them and their fears were calmed when they heard that the Russians were there on the same errand as themselves."

OUR readers will remember the disastrous fire which destroyed the home of Rev. and Mrs. Magill at Lucena, P. I. After the annual meeting of the Philippine Mission, held in Manila, all the missionaries passed in procession before Mr. Magill, still unable to stand on account of his fractured foot, and each one deposited some useful household article. The unexpected "shower" was a cheering and refreshing one, and the practical sympathy helped Mr. and Mrs. Magill as much as did the sorely-needed "things."

REV. HARVEY BROKAW has a keen zest for the joys of the explorer. As a member of the Outlook Committee he has been making a tour of the various fields of the Japan Mission, even, as he writes, taking "the trip round the dangerous Kii peninsula where Mr. Detweiler said he 'was scared to death every time he went.' Others have had very unpleasant experiences. Providence favored me and I hardly had a high wave, let alone being laid up in some isolated bay days at a time as has occurred. The worst I had to endure was to travel most of a day with a hundred wrestlers. The ship looked like a swine's puddle before night, and I was glad to reach quiet Tanabe, where Miss Leavitt has done a work in Thinking Brown almost equal to that of Dan Crawford in *Thinking Black*. There is a combination to-day of circumstances and conditions in Japan, seemingly providential, which if used should tell for a mighty advance in the next three years. Is our faith and devotion equal to our opportunity?"

MRS. A. H. MATEER writes sadly of seeing on the title-page of *The Confucianist Monthly* the name of the editor, Dr. Chen Fun Chang, appear as a graduate of Columbia University, New York. She speaks also of Dr. Chen's unremitting efforts to have Confucianism adopted as China's state religion. Our readers will remember an allusion to him in the June number of WOMAN'S WORK.

WEDDING bells rang merrily for the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Underwood of Seoul, Korea, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Their friends united in arranging a reception for them at which gathered a large and representative assemblage of commercial and professional men, Japanese and Korean, American and English, the whole body of students from the academy, the entire consular corps, and, of course, the missionary corps, of which Dr. Underwood is now the dean. He has been in Korea since 1884.

A CORRESPONDENT writes of her husband's typewriter as "the missionary's joy!" Which reminds us of the suggestion made by a foreign secretary, at a recent annual meeting, that at least every station should have a typewriter, a camera and a Victrola!

INTO no less than eight happy missionary homes of the North India Mission, during the last year, has come the tread of tiny feet. Six of the little newcomers are boys, but girls are just as warmly welcomed in this part of India!

A Notable Day for China

FACULTY AND TWO GRADUATES

Back row: Dr. Dilley, Dr. Hopkins, Dr. Lowry, Miss Paine, Dr. Young. *Front row:* Dr. Striker, Dr. Gloss, Dr. Wong, Dr. Leonard, Dr. Lew, Dr. Gordon-Blaikie, Dr. Ingram.

First Commencement, Union Medical College for Women, Peking.

In Peking, on the afternoon of February thirteenth, 1914, the Asbury Methodist Church was crowded with an interesting as well as an interested audience waiting to see the first young women of North China receive their diplomas from the Union Medical College for Women.

There were in the audience those who had seen the beginning of missionary work in Peking and the beginning of Western education. Many were there who had come later but remembered the time not far back when higher education for women seemed impossible. There were doctors who remembered too painfully what it meant to work alone without the assistance of doctor or nurse, and there were those who have just come to China and are eagerly preparing to join those already overburdened in educational work. There were many Chinese men and women, some who had been educated abroad and belong to new China, and others who were of old China but are glad to welcome the good things in the new.

To those who knew something of the obstacles that had to be overcome before the school could be started and what it has meant to keep it up to the high standard set by its founders, through these six years, it was indeed a day of rejoicing with those who had fought the battles and had won the victory over great difficulties. For now the School is an established institution and has produced two efficient, well qualified physicians, thoroughly fitted for their life work of ministering to their countrywomen and each ready to take a doctor's full share of medical work and responsibility.

When the time had come for the programme the Faculty, led by United States Minister Dr. Reinsch, and Dr. Eliza E. Leonard, the Dean of the School, took their places on the platform. After an opening prayer, Dr. Reinsch gave an address expressing his interest in this branch of missionary effort, his appreciation of the medical ability of women, and his pleasure in seeing these Chinese women making their start in this work. The Dean of the School then gave a short report and since it is really a history of the first six years I send it to you as she gave it:

"It may not be out of place at this time to give, in a few words, the history of our school. The Union Medical School for Women was the child of our hope and imagination for a number of years. A very short residence in China is amply sufficient to convince one of the needs of China's women and children for the qualified women physicians and nurses of their race. I need not in your presence

dilate on other needs. They are, in a measure at least, known to you all. The problem was how should we physicians from the West, with hearts, hands and time filled with the alleviation of suffering, find an opportunity to instruct others in the healing art. Our first endeavor took the form of a Union Training School for Nurses. The American Methodist, Presbyterian and London Missions united in this undertaking. A few years later the American Board, American Methodist and Presbyterian Missions agreed to unite in teaching medicine to women. A course of six years, eight months per year, was arranged. Of intent we made our entrance requirements high for our aims were high. We wished to turn out well qualified women physicians and only from select material can a good product be obtained. With the then-obtaining educational facilities for women we could not expect many pupils to come up to our standard, and at the same time possess the necessary qualifications, physical and temperamental, for the life of a busy physician. In February, 1908, our college doors were opened and two young women entered, one from Chihli province and one from Kiangsu. Our teaching staff is drawn in the main from the participating missions and others particularly interested in the medical education of women have joined us. No member of our faculty is asked to give full time to the college. Hospital and teaching responsibilities in other schools claim a good share of time. Fully appreciating in the beginning that we should find difficulty in staffing our school we dared not contemplate receiving students each year, and adopted an alternate year entrance scheme. Thus far we have entered but three classes. Our students represent the provinces of Chihli, Shantung, Szechuan, Kiangsu and Fukien.

"Instruction is given in the Mandarin dialect. Two years of English is taught throughout the course, our aim being to make medical literature in English available to our graduates, for as yet medical literature in the Chinese language is very inadequate to the needs of a progressive physician. Some three years ago we entered the North China Educational Union and our course has been altered to cover five years of nine months each. Thus far we have done our work in borrowed quarters. The Methodist Girls' High School and Women's Hospital graciously extended us shelter. The tottering to its fall of the Ching Dynasty, the Revolution, the establishment of a new order of government, the rebellion of the past year, each has had a share in delaying our building plans and influencing the receipt of funds necessary to the carrying out of plans. However, we hope within this year to have a building of our own and materially to add to our equipment and efficiency.

"The two young women who entered our doors in 1908 to-day receive their diplomas. They have done thorough, efficient work, and we are not ashamed of our product. With joy and with confidence we send them out into the world to serve their fellow-men, giving them the message of the Master, 'Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto Me.' "

The two graduates, Miss Lew and Miss Wong, then stepped upon the platform to receive their diplomas. Surely the hearts of the Faculty must have been filled with pride and satisfaction as they noted the quiet dignity with which the graduates conducted themselves, knowing so well also the deeper worth beneath.

A chorus by the Glee Club of the Women's College, Peking, reminded us of other branches of education for women and we left the church with a feeling of thankfulness not only for the addition of these two to the band of workers in a needy field, but also for all who shall follow them in service for their Master in ministering to needy souls and bodies in His name.

Maud A. Mackey, (*M.D.*).

Hodge Memorial Hospital
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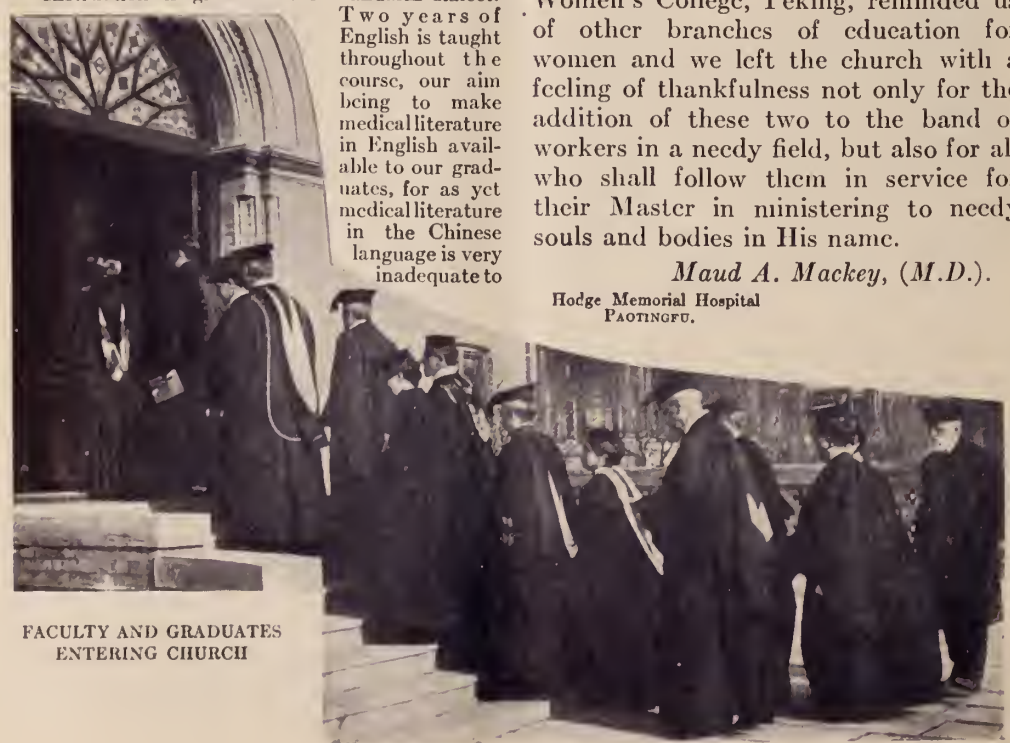

FACULTY AND GRADUATES
ENTERING CHURCH

Lahore Presbyterial Society Meets in Kasur

A Hostess Speaks

Is it possible that you have never heard of *Kasur*—the place where the mass movement is strongest in the Panjab Mission? Well, just look at your map of India, a little south of Lahore. The district of 813 square miles around Kasur comprises the "Kasur Tahsil," and this is where there is such a wonderful movement among the lower classes towards Christianity.

About the end of February, I called in seven of our workers' wives and told them that Kasur was to entertain the "Lahore Women's Presbyterial Missionary Society." It was arranged that each one present should bring two Christian women from each village in her circle, and should collect whatever anyone would give towards the expenses of entertaining this large gathering. I was astonished at the enthusiasm with which each village went to work. From thirty of these villages came: Átá (whole wheat flour), 800 lbs.; rice, 200 lbs.; potatoes, 80 lbs.; wood, three cart loads; beds, 150, and in money Rs. 37½ equals $12.50. All this was given *willingly* and *happily* by people whose daily wage averages twelve cents!

WOMEN AT KASUR PRESBYTERIAL MEETING

Altogether there were 174 women present at the meetings. In order to insure peace for the mothers, (and the rest of us!), we had to ask the women to leave their older children at home. Almost every woman brought a baby in arms! We hired a large, empty house near our compound, which held over a hundred women. The rest were housed in our rest house. Our workers' wives and some of the village women took turns in cooking the food. It was no small labor to feed so many, but the Kasur women seemed to get a good deal of enjoyment out of it, and they managed to attend all the meetings too. They were very happy over it, and they had cause for their joy for they not only paid their own way to the meeting, but *all the expenses* of entertaining that big gathering.

The first meeting was an informal one on the afternoon of Wednesday, April first. The women sang songs to the accompaniment of a *dholak* (drum) beaten with the fingers. When the roll was called, each group from a particular village either repeated the Creed or said the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, Catechism, or something they had learned. These are our "babes in Christ," and it was splendid to hear them even when one group confidently asserted that the first commandment was, "Honor thy father and thy mother," only to be sharply corrected (!) by some one else to "Remember the Sabbath Day!"

At seven-thirty Thursday morning was the first formal meeting. After the devotional exercises, address of welcome, roll-call, reports of societies, etc., there were addresses on, "Woman's Place in the Church," and "God's Need for Our Children in His Church." During the afternoon session there were addresses on, "Woman's Power and Opportunity in Prayer," "The Need of Education," "The Mother's Opportunity in the Home." Then followed reports from the Home Mission Field (Indian), Moga Training School, the Ludhiana Women's Presbyterial Missionary Society. In the evening there were pictures on the Life of Christ, each picture being explained by a woman from the audience. At the closing meeting we had a conference on topics relating to progress in

village church life, reports of committees, etc., and a thank offering was taken. Our meetings were held in the big camp preaching tent. Several hundred can pack into it when seated closely together on the floor.

I wish I could bring before your eyes the picture of a hundred and fifty interested village women, seated on the floor of the large tent, faces turned towards the President, Mrs. Talib-uddin, as she conducts the devotional service. As the words of our Master are read, a look of eager understanding spreads over the upturned faces. Surely the Lord Himself is speaking to those hearts! A sigh, a smile, a look, a nod, a shake of the head all express different emotions. The quiet bowing of the head during the prayer, and the heart-felt "Amen" at the close, reveal reverent faith.

Oh, I wish you could see what Christ is doing for India! I could tell so many encouraging stories. Will you not help us with your prayers? Will you not unite with us to praise Him for what He is doing? and will you not share our joy by taking a part in this work?

(*Mrs. F. B.*) *Lillian Wherry McCuskey.*

A Guest Speaks.

I SHALL only attempt to tell you about the mobilization of the Lahore party, in telling that no doubt I shall be repeating the experiences of those who brought women from the other districts. At first I thought that if I got a dozen from our district it would be all I could expect, but as more names came in, I wrote to Mrs. McCuskey to prepare for twenty, and we arranged the little traveller's rest house at Lahore for twenty-four, as all the women would either have to come in district carts or walk with the ever-present baby astride one hip and a bundle of bedding on top of the head, for the railway only taps one edge of our district, and they could not get in in the morning in time to get the train to Kasur. I started for the train in what I thought was good time, but I found that our pastor's wife and another of our Indian ladies were ahead of me and this was fortunate, for there were twenty-eight women and the day was grilling! When we succeeded in getting them over to the train, we found every carriage crammed already, for there was also a non-Christian *mela* at Kasur that day. The New York elevated at the "rush hour" is roomy compared to that train. However, they all got on.

Mr. McCuskey met us at the train and put us into *garis*, telling us that he would look after the women, but when he went back to the train, he found it no easy matter to separate our women from those going to the non-Christian *mela*. They were village women and all looked alike to him. This difficulty had never occurred to us, for of course we "knew our own sheep by name." At length, however, they all landed safely in the Mission compound. When we arrived there, we found that the Kasur district women had undertaken to entertain all from other districts. It must be borne in mind that these are all low-caste village women, who have been Christians less than ten years. They fed the visitors first and then cooked and ate their own meal. All this in addition to about eight hours a day of meetings. A similar gathering was held at Morinda, in the Rupar district, about the same time. There was, however, a very marked difference. The Rupar women are evidently suffragettes, for they took the men along to cook the food and wash up, while they attended meetings!

The lantern-lecture on China, given by an Indian lady, delighted the village women. Every now and then a surge of *Wah! Wah!* would fill the house. The pictures of Chinese temples, bazaars and people, all so different from India, were quite an education to them. The next day the meetings were planned especially to benefit the village women. The speakers were Indian women who knew Panjabi well and in a most interesting, forceful way, told of the benefits of educating the children and trying to learn to read themselves; of not marry-

ing their daughters to non-Christians and a great deal more along the same lines. The devotional meetings were very simple, so that the village women could comprehend what was being said; yet they were deeply spiritual, and I feel that many a village woman went away from the meetings on "Prayer" with a real heart knowledge of what it means. The second evening a lantern lecture was given on the "Life of Christ" and the quiet that prevailed told, more eloquently than words, that the women were both enjoying and understanding it. Village women never keep quiet from any sense of decorum.

TENT IN WHICH MEETING WAS HELD
Photo. sent by Mrs. McCuskey.

Already several of the women have told me what a help the meeting was in giving them a larger community feeling than they had ever had before, and they say they will never forget the practical lessons they learned. We hope they got also some idea of what a benefit little societies of their own would be to them, and we expect to have several such to report by this time next year.

Margaret J. R. MacDonald.

Forman College House,
Lahore, India.

A Few Statistics About Kasur.

Kasur City, population 26,000, nearly all Mohammedan. Kasur Tahsil, population 300,000; three towns, 342 villages; 57 villages in which there are Christians; nearly a thousand baptisms last year; twenty-one young men in Moga Training School, from this district. These will be the future teachers and preachers.

See pictures of Mohammedan and Village Women in Kasur, Woman's Work, April, 1907.—Editor.

One of the things that we are to consider at our Women's Presbyterial Meeting at Morinda is whether we shall join with our sisters of the United Presbyterian Mission in publishing a missionary magazine for this part of India in Urdu. They have already started one and think it would be profitable for us to join in. I think it would but I do not know where to turn for the human material. . . . My heart is in that presbyterial meeting—when it isn't in my mouth for fear of it, or in my boots for dismay because I couldn't get answers to my letters or because this one and that one would not accept my invitation to make herself immortal. I think about half my programme is in the air—and the meeting is two weeks away! It is to be in a village, a big experiment. Will the people come whom we want to reach? Will they understand? Will it be a link to a larger and stronger Christian community life? Will they be inspired to a larger service? Will those who ought to help *be* a help, or will they be stand-offish? Will the Spirit of God be so manifest that these village women will be able to say, "I have heard, but now mine eyes see?"

Saharanpur. (*Miss*) *Emma Morris.*

Of course in a general way I knew of the beauty of Miss Morrow's character, of her utter unselfishness and devotion. But I did not know until I came here and tried to take up what she had laid down how great her work was and how far reaching her plans. She surely will be long missed here in Etah, where she was "*Mama Ji*" to every one, from the babies in the school to people out in the district. It was good to see how much the young missionaries here, who had only known her for a comparatively short time, loved her.

Etah. (*Miss*) *Mary P. Forman.*

"One Year's Stewardship" I thoroughly enjoy. I think you all at the home base are to be congratulated upon your success. Soon after opening my copy I came upon a picture of some acquaintances who came out on the same steamer with me, at their language study in India, and it brought a whole chain of indescribable associations. The book makes the world seem very small and our work a very large part of it. Every day seems to bring me some new problem which makes the handicap of not knowing either the Oriental mind or the Korean language seem an impassable barrier to its solution. But we "can do all things through Christ" I try to remember. (*Miss*) *Harriet E. Pollard.*

Taiku, Korea.

The Women's Day at General Assembly

THE Annual Union Meeting of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday, May 26th, in the New England Congregational Church, Chicago.

The programme was one of unusual interest and inspiration. At both the morning and afternoon sessions the church was filled with an absorbed audience. The central theme of the programme was *unity*. The meeting was planned and conducted by the Northwest Board and the cordial greetings from all the other Boards emphasized the note of unity and co-operation. Philadelphia, Southwest and Occidental Boards sent their greetings through representatives who were present. The Northwest Board, through Mrs. N. W. Campbell, not only sent greeting but extended a hearty welcome to Chicago.

Over Sea and Land, the paper which belongs to all the children of the foreign constituency, was ably presented by Mrs. B. Y. Craig. She said that questions and need for all kinds of missionary information arising among Little Light Bearers might be answered in the magazine, and she very wisely suggested that a mother's interest and enthusiasm would make a great difference in the child's appreciation.

One of the greatest pleasures of the day was the presence of the Editor of WOMAN'S WORK, Mrs. Henry R. Elliot of New York.

This magazine for women is one of the very strongest bonds of union between the six Boards of our denomination. Mrs. Elliot's theme was *Together*, the power of the united effort of all those concerned with this channel of missionary information—"the voice of our missionaries to us and ours to them, the channel through which each can send help to all and all to each."

Mrs. Elliot spoke of the woman who said she "couldn't get interested in missions," and said no one could expect to have interest in anything in which she had not put something of herself; no bank pays interest until there has been a deposit, and no woman who has not made some deposit to mission work can hope to have any interest. No one could see or hear Mrs. Elliot without being sure of her sincere desire and purpose to make the magazine just what the women of our Church want it to be.

Miss Matthews of Oak Park spoke interestingly of the text-book for the coming year, *The Child in the Midst*, and of the common study of one book as a strong tie binding us together as workers.

Mrs. O. R. Williamson spoke briefly of the Federation of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States, in which twenty denominations are united in aim and purpose. The four lines of work are study, giving, service and prayer, and its motto, "Christ for every life and all of life." The climax of the general theme was reached in an address by the beloved President of the Women's Board of Home Missions, Mrs. Fred. S. Bennett, on "Unity in Service." The gist of her thought was that unity is not something that is to be, but *is* here and now. We are facing a world task as one great family and are just Christian people working together for the salvation of the world. Mrs. Bennett's rare personality makes what she says doubly effective.

The closing devotional hour of the morning was led by Mrs. John Timothy Stone with a helpful thought from the seventh chapter of the Acts, and a plea for more intercession.

The missionaries who spoke during the day were: Mrs. W. B. Allison of Guatemala, speaking for Latin America; Mrs. D. J. Fleming of Lahore spoke for India, and Mrs. Annie Rhea Wilson of Tabriz spoke for Persia.

Each bore on her face the mark of joy in her Christian service. Each brought a message of the vast need of the women of the land which she represented.

Each spoke with high hope of the advance of her work and with sure confidence of the power of God in the outcome.

Mrs. Allison spoke eloquently of their need of a Training School for Christian Workers.

Mrs. Fleming paid high tributes to the strength of Indian womanhood, wherever it has had a chance for training and education.

Mrs. Wilson spoke of the investment of life in Persia in the recent death of Dr. Edna Orcutt, and pled for someone to take up quickly the work which she has laid down.

Mrs. Berry, who presided during the day, called upon Mr. Sam Higginbottom of Allahabad, India, who has very recently returned for special service, to say a word. He spoke feelingly of his work, the variety of which is suggested by the fact that he is in charge of the Agricultural Department of Ewing College, Superintendent of a Leper Asylum and a Home for Untainted Children.

It was an unusual privilege to have present two of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, spoke of the deficit of the Board this year of $292,000, although the receipts had been the largest in its entire history. He said that the reasons for this condition had been carefully analyzed, that it was not caused by the China Campaign, for those who had given to that had also advanced in their regular giving. It had come about by a number of special gifts not being available for regular work, and also by the tremendous demand for increased work in all foreign lands, compelling larger appropriations. In general he said this has been the greatest year in the history of the Board. Dr. Stanley White spoke of his recent visit to the field and said that he had come home with a spirit of optimism and an irresistible conviction that great things were about to happen in the kingdom of God. In every land there were unmistakable signs of it. The closing hour of the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Edgar P. Hill. She introduced each missionary, and had asked her to name her station, the length of her service, the general number of people to whom she ministered and the greatest need of her work. At the close Mrs. Hill asked all the men missionaries present to come forward. A company of thirty men responded, to whom the spoken greeting, "God bless you and your work" was given by the entire audience.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Henry W. Luce of China, and a great day of vision of the "far-flung battle line" was ended.

(*Mrs. Cleland B.*) *Harriet B. McAfee.*
CHICAGO.

Missionaries present were: From China, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lingle of Hunan; Mrs. A. A. Fulton of Canton; Rev. H. W. Luce of Shantung; Miss M. A. Posey, of Shanghai. From Korea: Rev. and Mrs. Geo. S. McCune. From Siam: Miss Annabel Galt; Dr and Mrs. E. C. Cort. From Africa: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston. From the Philippines: Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Brown. From Chile, S. A.: Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Spining. From Guatemala: Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Allison. From Persia: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyce, Dr. Mary Bradford. From Syria: Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Doolittle, Miss Bernice Hunting. From India: Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Fleming, Mr. Higginbottom, Rev. Dr. Henry Forman, Rev. A. G. McGaw.

"Whither the Tribes Go Up"

SEATED royally by her broad blue lake Chicago reached forth hospitable hands of welcome to the thronging tribes as they came up to the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which began May twenty-first. The daily and weekly journals have chronicled the various activities of the Assembly, but the Editor can not let the July issue go out to our readers without at least a hasty turn of the reel to show a few pictures of the foreign mission side of those activities as she saw them.

The first glimpse is of the Conference held at five o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, May 24th, at which were pres-

ent officers and representatives of the Assembly's and the Women's Boards and missionaries. After the thronged meetings of the Assembly it seemed but a little group which gathered in the lecture-room of the Church of the Covenant and was led by Dr. George Alexander in an hour's service. But both the character of the service and the personality of those who participated in it made it an hour of very special importance, an hour of intimate, close communion with one another and with the Master. The moments were devoted almost exclusively to intercessory prayer, and as one after another of the men and women missionaries spread before the Throne with fervent desire their aspirations for those committed to their charge, and the men who face the complicated problems of the broad guidance of administration laid these at the feet of the Counsellor, the heart of faith could feel that, as truly as with the disciples, "Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them and said, 'Peace be unto you.'" The feeling was not dissipated but deepened when, at the close of the meeting, Dr. Bryan, the pastor of the church, invited all present to remain for a little Sunday evening supper together. The pastor had asked a small group of the church women to prepare this for about twenty-five, but so generous was their provision that the fifty who were present were all seated at the table and as friends and comrades broke bread together.

The next picture to flash on memory's screen is that of the all-day meeting under the auspices of the Central Committee of the Women's Boards, planned and carried out by the Board of the Northwest. This programme is fully described by Mrs. McAfee's competent pen, but cold type can give no adequate idea of the spiritual influence of the utterances of Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Higginbottom of our missionaries; the inspiring optimism of the address on "Unity in Service," by Mrs. F. S. Bennett, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions—who must have felt much at home, as her Board had been assembled in the same church for the days of its annual meeting, and the huge white sign announcing this still adorned the front facade of the church—and the ringing bugle calls to service from Dr. Brown and Dr. White of the Assembly's Board. The climax of the day came when Mrs. E. P. Hill, after introducing the large number of women missionaries who crowded the platform and reached out at the side up the stairs to the gallery, called upon all the missionaries in the audience to come to the front. One by one they came out from the crowd until they formed a close line extending across the front of the church; each one, as they stood, gave his name and place of work: Luce of Shantung; Fleming of Lahore; Lingle of Siangtan; Brown of Legaspi; Cort of Laos; Doolittle of Beirut; Forman of Gwalior and so on down the line. It was with feeling "too deep for sound or foam" that the great audience rose to greet these heroes and heroines of many a well-fought field by joining with Mrs. Hill in uttering, as with one voice, the words, "God bless you and your work!"

In spite of the burning heat Orchestra Hall was crowded on Wednesday evening at the mass meeting. Every box was filled and even the upper gallery teemed with the interested audience. The broad scope of our work came out with vivid clearness as Dr. George Alexander, with peculiarly well-chosen words and now and again a touch of his quiet humor, presented four widely differing speakers from widely differing fields, who resembled each other only in one point—that each thought his own field the most important in the whole world! And as they gripped the crowded house with their burning words we all felt exactly as they did. Dr. J. C. Garritt spread China before us with its intense and teeming vitality, its tremendous possibilities, its open door which may so easily be shut—until the house felt to a man that every effort should be concentrated on China. Then Rev. W. C.

Johnston, with effervescent wit and desperate earnestness, drew aside, as it were, a curtain to show us thousands of dark hands reached out from Africa, thousands of dark forms bending in prayer. He told us how they pay for and run their own simple churches and send out their brethren as evangelists, how they give five times as much for work outside their own churches as for work in them, "You pay for one sermon on Sunday, you get fifty!" Long before he had finished everyone had decided that *the* field of the Presbyterian Church was Africa! Then Dr. F. G. Coan of Persia took up his parable and told of the people whose conception of our Father was as the Moslem's Allah, stern, implacable, revengeful; of the hopeless life of the Moslem women, of the martyrs whose blood had been the seed of the Persian church. And Persia penetrated our hearts as the place of greatest need. Then Dr. A. L. Wiley, starting from India, soon got away beyond even that vast people, and swept the audience into a world-vision of a church awake and aroused, which thought of a million as "a very little thing," which looked out and looked up and laid broad and deep plans to reach the whole wide world and to reach it *now!*

Thursday morning was our Board's day in the Assembly. It was after a week of strenuous work and four days of unrelenting heat. The commissioners were tired and jaded; some of them had so far forgotten Presbyterian decorum as to part with their coats and even their waistcoats. But, in the diction of the day, they "sat up and took notice" when Dr. Brown's tall figure appeared on the platform and his resonant voice, bringing the message for foreign missions, reached even the back seats of the great cathedral—which, like all cathedrals, has its limitations for hearing. Dr. Brown quoted a deliverance of a former General Assembly that "all Christian believers are one body" and summoned the Church to rise as one body to its high calling. "We must Christianize Asia or it will de-Christianize us." There was a deep impression as he quoted "I know it can be done because *I* can not do it," and ended with Mordecai's solemn query, "Who knoweth but thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

One would like to quote many passages of compelling power from this and other addresses. Fain would we speak with adequate appreciation of the wonderfully careful and thorough preparations for the comfort of all; of the unsparing hospitality, individual and collective, heaped up, pressed down and running over. The Chicago women seemed like one big family striving together that no one should feel neglected or left out. The beautiful receptions at the homes of Mrs. Wentworth and Mrs. McCormick; the countless luncheons and dinners in friendly homes where groups of missionaries and visitors met around pleasant family tables; the specially delightful luncheon given by the Publication Committee of the Northwest Board for Mrs. Finley, the Chairman of our Committee, and the Editor of Woman's Work; the motor drives through the city, by the lake and in the country—all these and many more notable features of this General Assembly clamor to be mentioned at length. But the linotype machine also clamors for the last pages of the July magazine to be put into type. And though the expression may cease the remembrance will endure. Often and often in time to come those who were there will quote the text of the Moderator's memorable sermon, the keynote of the whole Assembly, and say "one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us?" *E. E.*

New York, June first.

"For the tie of a kinship wonderful that holds us as blood bonds may,
For the friendship of true women, Lord, take Thou our thanks to-day."

Theodosia Garrison.

Home Is Where the Heart Is

I AM sending you the pictures of our Girls' School building, as it was before, and is after, the use of the generous gift of a friend of Mrs. Lee in the University Place Church of New York. You can see the change in appearance from the pictures, but really to appreciate it as we do, you would need to have shared with us some of the tropical rains that were wont to flood our house. For a year we have enjoyed the comfort of space, ventilation, and light in our dormitory and school-rooms, and we never cease to think gratefully of the generous donor, or to thank the Giver of all good gifts. The teachers and girls gave me such a beautiful welcome home last December. They had decorated the long corridor with potted plants, overarching palms and the Colombian colors; all unsuspecting, I was ushered in at the side entrance and looked straight down two long lines of happy-faced girls dressed in gala attire of white and blue, to where Miss Quinby and the teachers stood at the other end. They sang the Colombian hymn, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," and "Home, Sweet Home," both in English and Spanish, presented me with a bunch of flowers and a burst of eloquence during the delivery of which I tried not to look as foolish as I felt! Then I was lost in the embrace of a hundred pairs of loving young arms, and was really once again at home.

I reached here at eleven, Miss Quinby handed me over the keys within half

SCHOOL AT BARRANQUILLA BEFORE REMODELLING

an hour and was off that same day for a trip to Cartagena and the Simi district, where she helped Mr. and Mrs. Redondo with their Christmas entertainment, and had a glimpse of the interesting work Mr. and Mrs. Jarrette are doing in their isolated home.

THE SAME AFTER REMODELLING
The long, low tile roof is the Chapel. Photos. sent by Miss Hunter.

We have the largest school enrollment we have known so far—one hundred and twenty-eight girls, ranging in age from four to sixteen years. God make us wise to meet each day's opportunity with these young lives and grant that these souls may be turned to Him!

(Miss) Martha Bell Hunter.

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, S. A.

. . . SCHOOL opened the second of September. Our fine girls come from places all the way from Fusan to Kang Kai. The enrolment is over one hundred. The Christian Association, of which all the girls are members, starts off with enthusiasm.

I wish you could step with me into the children's Sunday-school, where about a dozen of our girls go to teach on Sunday afternoons. Three hundred youngsters sing with all their hearts and listen so intently while they are being taught.

Miss Margo L. Lewis.

SEOUL.

On Syria's Plains and Slopes

HOMS SYRIA

"The trivial round, the common task, may furnish all we need to ask"—room for spiritual growth—but they do not always furnish material for interesting articles!

You see what a quaint, flat city Homs is, more like a big village than a large, prosperous city, and its seventy thousand people, predominantly Mohammedan, appeal at every turn for help of all kinds. Do you wonder that we wish that two pairs of hands might be multiplied many times to meet the need? Much of the time it is only one pair, for out of the days of last year Mr. Nelson was away from home, touring and overseeing schools and churches, two hundred and twenty-five days.

There is no other foreigner in the city but there are good Syrian workers and a well organized school system. Oversight of a day school for boys and girls and a kindergarten for the wee ones take a portion of each week's time. Sunday afternoon I have a class of the older girls; they are bright and attractive and all have a simple education. They will soon be taking their places in the life of the city and in the homes of their husbands, for the girls in Homs still marry very young.

From the girls I go to my class for young men in the boys' high school in another part of the city. There are twenty in the class, but several young men from the city are regular attendants. As one stands in the place of God's interpreter, before these boys and girls and the women in their meetings, and presents His Gospel of peace and purity and love, there comes sometimes an appalling realization of the greatness of the task—the wrestling not against flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness, mental and spiritual,—against the hosts of the evil one that possess the minds and hearts of those He died to save. But the old remedy is still efficient and His word gives light that can penetrate even the unfathomed depths of the darkness of ignorance, of low and evil thoughts. Hence our Bible classes, and women's meetings and visiting in the homes, tramping over the rough cobble stones with which the city is paved till one's feet ache—getting in a little light here and there—hoping all things and believing all things good will surely come to the people of this city and land.

Each month has shown more than a thousand persons who have come in to read and talk in the reading and book room, the larger part by far being Moslems and the Bible itself being the book most in demand.

In August the presbytery held its annual meeting in the village of Mahardeh. The delegates spread their beds on the roof of the church—the usual flat, mud roof—and all slept together, one big, happy family. Their songs of praise rang out all over the village morning and evening. The meetings were good, a fine spiritual tone pervading all the discussions. But the great joy of the meeting came in the evening services. The church is on the edge of the open country and the churchyard is a large, walled-in enclosure. It was bright moonlight and the evening gatherings were held out-of-doors, a little

pine table, a lantern and the baby organ were put in place and all was ready. And the people began to come; one hundred, two hundred, five hundred and on up to over one thousand people! The gate keepers could hardly believe their own figures for indeed such audiences are a rare sight in Syria. The village people all wear a dark blue simple dress, the men wear shawls and rope headdresses and the sight of that great crowd, all seated on the ground, listening attentively to simple Gospel sermons, and their delight in the singing of the hymns and the "voice" of the organ was something to make all who saw it thank God and take courage. The second night, the men at the gate counted over twelve hundred and even more the third night, and the fervent assent from different parts of the audience to a Gospel truth or illustration now and then gave proof of their attention and interest.

Another feature of great joy to us all during the year was the dedication of the new building for the boys' school in Tripoli. It was a happy day to none more so than to us two Nelsons, as we had started the school and had charge of it till two years ago when we came to Homs and had given the year of rest (!) in America to getting the money for this building! The throngs of people who came to share in the joy of consecrating this building to God's service, through the service of His children, were loud in their praises of the beautiful new home for the boys of the Tripoli field. Tripoli is all that could be desired in the way of natural beauty, the snowy mountains with olive-clad slopes, the great stretches of orange gardens, the sea beyond with a new beauty for every changing mood—these are all the portion of the one hundred and fifty boys who have this new building for their school home, as it stands on a hill at the edge of the city and its sweet-toned bell sends its call far and wide.

(*Mrs. W. S.*) *Emma Hay Nelson.*

HOMS, Syria.

EUGENICS

The chart before him lay, wherein to see—
Defeat and failure as his ancestry,
Weakness and pain as his heredity.
He bowed his head in bitter agony,
Feeling himself unworthy utterly.
Then light, through black despair,
Shone piercingly.
"They have forgot my brother," whispered he,
"Jesus, Who dies for others on the tree,
And my Great Father God, who strengthens me."

—*Elisabeth C. Billings* in *The Survey.*

A PERENNIAL NEED

AGAIN through the columns of WOMAN'S WORK I thank the dear friends who have helped me so much during the year by sending picture cards for our children. The cards are in greater demand than ever. The interest the people take in these cards is just amazing. They answer the same purpose as the Salvation Army drum in attracting a crowd. It is most amusing if I have a package of cards in my chair when going through the streets to see the small boys running and shouting at the top of their voices: "*Kumajat kung-tsai pai!*" (Cards will be distributed to-day!) Women and even men hold out their hands to get one. I had to stop, however, giving any on the street as once or twice when I attempted it the streets were blocked with the clamoring crowd.

At Christmas I gave some to the soldiers who guard our houses for their little friends. After that

I think I must have had the entire force of a nearby barracks, who came in squads, one after the other, to my door, asking for some picture cards as they had so many "*sai lo koh*" (little brothers) they would like to give them to. It has been said that "there is but a step between the sublime and the ridiculous," and one must be entirely devoid of a sense of humor who would not be forced to smile at the sight of a man armed with gun and revolver stooping to receive a little package of picture cards. As a means of promoting good-will between the Chinese and the foreigner, give me the picture card! I call the cards my "little evangels." They do more to pave the way to the hearts of the people than anything else that I know of. I hope our friends will continue to send them.

Many who send us cards that have been used take a great deal of trouble to hide the writing. Some paste two cards together, thus giving us one card where we might have two. Others cover the writing with printed matter, and still others paste texts in English over the writing. All this is a mere waste of time as no one who receives them understands a word of English. The cards are valuable to us for the pictures only and should be sent just as they are.

I wonder if any of our kind friends would like to send our little folks something for Christmas. We have about four hundred little girls and two hundred small boys whose hearts would be delighted with a little toy. We received some last Christmas and our children just went wild with excitement. Alas! a good many were disappointed as we did not have nearly enough. Miss Florence Beardsley of the Occidental Board, San Francisco, would cheerfully receive gifts from anyone who would like to help us in this respect. Gifts should be sent to Miss Beardsley not later than September.

CANTON, China. (*Miss*) *E. A. Churchill.*

PROF. SAM HIGGINBOTTOM AND FAMILY

Mr. Higginhottom is to speak throughout the country this summer in the interests of the Agricultural Department of Ewing Christian College, Allahabad, India. Mr. Higginbottom also superintends the Maini Leper Asylum with 250 inmates. Photo. sent by Rev. Stanley A. Hunter.

SUNDAY our church had communion at Han-simen, the mother church. The children were culled out and even then the church was crowded. Over two hundred people were examined for baptism. I can't tell you my joy when twenty-three of my neighbors came to be examined. Among them were five women from the house east of the church where nine families live. How I have kept that house before the dear Father's mind! Nothing in China has been such a burden upon me as that one house, and now I rejoice that those five came, and others will I believe. The year is a very, very heavy one on us all because of the drain upon us for relief. I am continually called to the door to see some poor old soul or some ragged young one that is cold and hungry. A veritable bag of rags caught me running into my Biblewoman's house this afternoon and begged for some clothing. I puzzled my brain over what to do for her. Finally I found a good skirt that I had brought from America, and a pair of Mr. Gray's trousers that can be made over into very good *ku* for her. I don't know what Mr. Gray will say when he gets home from Lih Yang and finds his wardrobe lacking his favorite old trousers!

The sweetest incident of this much interrupted day was the baby's bath! It is horribly cold in Nanking just now, so it was too cold to give baby a bath at home, and the baby's mother knew that he ought to have a bath every week. That was one of the things that foreign money had been sent out to teach her when she was in the mission school. But since she became baby's mother no money had come to warm the room in which to give the bath, and so she thought of the beautiful plan of borrowing my warm up-stairs sitting room, and thus the baby's proper training could go on in spite of cold! The mother carried the little wooden tub with its four spindling legs up stairs and the father came along with the baby in his arms. Such a rollicking, black-eyed, fat-cheeked youngster he is! He enjoyed the water like a duck. He is a birth-right Presbyterian but he doesn't realize yet what a blessing it is to him!

Mrs. A. V. Gray.

NANKING.

A Dream Comes True

WHEN I was in New York, nearly four years ago, I often spoke of my desire for a Christian kindergarten to be located in Osaka.

This has now become a reality and the building was formally opened on the third of last April. The work in the kindergarten was begun the first of February, but the grounds were not in order and that was not a good season of the year for large meetings.

We sent out printed invitations sometime previous, including in the list of those invited the Governor, the head of the Educational Bureau, heads of nearby schools, the pastors of our different churches and the officers of the Tengachaya Church, as it is the nearest to the district where our kindergarten stands. The parents of the children were also invited and of course the children themselves.

About one hundred and twenty-five were there, including the forty children. By taking out the sliding doors the classrooms make a good place for the guests, the special guests being seated in the circle room with the little folks on the circle.

Miss Wakuyama, the principal of the Kobe Training School for Kindergartners, gave an excellent talk on the "Educational value of the songs and games." Our head teacher in the Evangelists' Training School gave an address also on the value of the home. He spoke very plainly of the hindrances to the true home as found in Japan and held up Christianity as the only way to attain the ideal life. Our teachers sang several songs and the little children gave a number of plays and songs learned since entering in February.

Mr. Fulton as "founder" of the school spoke a few words too, telling of the purpose of the kindergarten and our desire to give the children the best and highest teaching as found in our Christian faith. He also referred to the beautiful faith and character of Mr. Kennedy, whose gift made this kindergarten possible.

Every one seemed to like our building very much, and all who spoke seemed glad that we had come to help them train their little ones. There were several congratulatory papers, the Governor sending one by his representative and others reading their own, or speaking a few words of appreciation of our work. We have three teachers, all with more or less experience and all earnest Christians. Our building will hold sixty pupils easily but if necessary we might take in another twenty later on. Sunday-school has also been begun and a mother's meeting is planned. As this suburb of Osaka has no other Christian work in it as yet, we feel it is a good place to begin seed-sowing and the people seem delighted to have us there.

A CANTON PAGODA

The name of our kindergarten is

Shiritsu Kai kwa Yochieu.

(Private) Opening Flowers Kindergarten.

(*Mrs. G. W.*) *Amy S. Fulton.*

OSAKA, Japan.

[Pictures which Mrs. Fulton kindly sent, and which would have added greatly to the interest of her article, have unfortunately not been received.—EDITOR.]

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

CHINA

Mrs. Maud R. Jones writes from Nanking: It seems but yesterday that Christmas was here but the calendar says three months. My greatest regret has been the delay in the Shwan Tang building. When the money actually was at hand for starting then so many things seemed to interfere—sickness and inability of the building committee to get to work; different lines of work suggested which necessitated different plans, etc. But to-day, Mr. Drummond, head of the building committee, returned from a three weeks' country trip and now we hope to get things going at once. I fully expected to see the building half up by this time and the delay has really caused more distress than I can tell. It is not a joke when I say that gray hairs have multiplied! Do remember us often that we may have the building best suited to the large need and also patience to see the work through. It is a common saying that one needs a furlough after putting up a building. I have known missionaries who said they had not enough religion to put up a building. My experience this spring in overseeing workmen make walks, and in leveling up the boarding-school compound has been such as almost to make me shrink from the larger task of a building. I cannot say that I have always kept my patience!

All day while I have been in school the servants have been cleaning and when I came in about five o'clock and found curtains upside down and inside out my first feeling was that of impatience. But when one reflects that straw huts with mud floors do not have many "fixings" the wonder is that servants do as well as they do. I really think they do better, considering all, than home servants, and surely they are less expensive.

Mrs. W. D. Noyes tells of the Christmas celebration at her day school at Fati, Canton: I borrowed an organ, for the one that belongs there is a ruin, I took post cards—the Christmas ones—and a big roll with the picture of Jesus in the Manger in it. The room was jammed with students, guests and children. We sang a good deal and some, who had never seen an organ before, crowded close to see the workings of it. The teacher gave a splendid Christmas talk, also explained the hymns as we went along and the reasons for prayer. After this she brought in cakes, oranges, etc., and distributed to all. They liked those but they almost fought for the post cards. Some poor little street urchins were so eager for cards that they followed me a long way and stayed through the service to get one. After that I had to play hymn after hymn.

INDIA

Miss Adelaide A. Browne writes from Kanta thirty miles from Kolhapur: Here we are under some lovely mango trees, tiffin basket behind us. We lunched on sandwiches and hot tea made at five A.M. in my wonderful thermos bottle. It is a perfect gem. Tell everybody to bring one to India. Miss Foster and I walked twelve miles to this place, stopping to talk at two villages. We left the tent at five-thirty A.M., scarcely a glimmer of day, carrying our two little bags, with our Bibles, soap and towel, while the carts followed on by the road with tiffin basket and two mattresses for to-night, to sleep in the carts. Oh! what a trip we had! We left our carts too far back, so had a long walk after talking to the lepers away up in Anaskura, thirty-two miles from Kolhapur. We had a man to show us the way and carry the lantern, and a little moon, which was a help. We returned to the carts so tired we could not eat. . . . We walked between twenty-four and twenty-eight miles on Monday. With the sort of roads we have it is easier to walk than to ride in a springless ox-cart. . . . The Government is trying to gather up the lepers and segregate them. They have about forty there at Anaskura. Such a poor, miserable lot! Miss Foster and I gave them two annas each and they felt rich when we left. Mr. Richardson is trying to get money for a home for their untainted children entirely separate from the Asylum. . . . This has been Bazaar day and we have given medicine to hundreds. It took three of our men to keep the people from pulling down the tiny tent over Miss Foster's head while she was giving out medicine. We were up at four, left the tent at five with our tonga-lamps, reaching our first village before the sun was up. We were received in the most friendly way in a family which had denied Christ for the sake of getting marriages made for their little daughters. We are hoping that even if these older ones do not come back, their children will. This was the same village from which several children came to us at Kodoli during the famine and were among the Brownies.

KOREA

Miss Ruby B. Brownlee writes from Seoul: How you would all have enjoyed it could you have been with me on a trip I took a few weeks ago. Out in the mountains, away from the railroad, I went horseback about twenty-five miles. I started about twelve and reached the ferry, just at the village, at seven. There are mountains all around it and on one side, like a broad green sash, is the river. There are a number of trees and in one place a little stream goes "hippety-hopping" over some stones to get to the river before it "runs away." There were twenty-five women studying and how interested they were!

Usually when I go itinerating I take a few simple medical supplies with me, such as bandages, vaseline, quinine, etc. And you have no idea how much we can do. The Koreans, most of them, have absolutely no idea at all of medication, much less disinfection. Sometimes my room looks quite like a dispensary and I really enjoy that part of the work very much. I made a "find" in the way of a "little sister" at this place, a little half-orphaned Korean girl whose mother sews at one of the upper class houses. The mother is away all day, leaving this little tot of about ten or eleven alone. She is a sweet little thing, a staunch little Christian, and has delightful manners, so polite to everybody. I got her mother to let me bring her up to Seoul and put her in school. She lives with our cook and is doing splendidly. Just now it is vacation and she has no studying so she runs errands for us here at the house. She is such a willing, cheerful little mite.

With Presbyterian Young People

AFTER COLLEGE—WHAT?

If a vote were taken among the women graduating from our colleges this June, would there be one who is not going out from her *Alma Mater* with ideas and enthusiasms for social, literary and other kinds of work which really ought to stir up the wide, wide world? And it has been so at least for every year of this Twentieth Century. Did you ever stop to think, older graduates, and will you, youngest ones, when your fine, big plans do not work out, that there are lots of *little* things waiting for just you? When you found that you could not be away from home for the first year at the kind of work you had planned, did you look around to see what you could do right there that would count? Perhaps you did, and doubtless your time was well filled.

But how much of your time this coming year are you planning to give to your church and to church work? Are you going to take a Sunday-school class and satisfy your conscience with that? It is a splendid way to use your time, but is it really enough? I am sure that you will all agree that as a college woman you owe much more than that of yourself and the training you received to those who stayed at home.

I wonder how the Young Women's Missionary Society is progressing? Perhaps you could lend a hand there in arranging the programme, in offering bits of knowledge gained from your mission study classes at college? It may be that there has been little or no contact with outside things, that no one has ever attended a summer conference. Here is a chance for you to tell what you gained when you went last summer or the year before. Perhaps your influence will create interest in sending a delegation next year to one of the missionary conferences.

A bigger chance for work lies before you if there is no organization among the young women. The Women's Society may be the only one of its kind in the church, and the younger women do not feel at home where their knowledge amounts, in their opinion, to nothing when compared with the older ones. The one who will lead them to form a society of their own has not yet come. Can this be *you?* Are *you* the one to do this—to start these younger members of the church on the way towards being the well-informed women of ten years hence?

The Westminster Guild is a very practical organization for those who are really in need of training since it embraces Bible and mission study, both home and foreign, and offers an opportunity for the social side as well. But you will have a hard task ahead of you to interest girls who have never had any missionary inclination, and you may need to try different plans. A study class on an intensely interesting book, using all the helps you can find, might be the means of drawing out the members to take part in discussions, debates and even to conducting the sessions. I heard of one young woman who seized her opportunity when, talking with a young society girl whom she had longed to interest, after an inspiring missionary address, she offered to lead a class if the girl would get the members. The plan was accepted, and when I heard of it they had finished one book and were started on another. Much depends on the tactfulness of the leader and the interest that is aroused, but prayerful study and earnest efforts are bound to have some fruits that will ripen later.

If you find that you are not at your best among girls of your own age, there are others for you to reach. How about the high school girls? They are well worth trying to interest. A Westminster Circle will be the very thing for them. At that age a club-like organization is apt to appeal to girls, especially when they know that it is national. Perhaps your Sunday-school class could be the nucleus of the Circle. When one realizes that there are girls in other lands who did not have a welcome when they arrived in this world, who are kept shut up and not allowed the freedom that we American girls enjoy, then you can be pretty sure of a loophole of interest.

If you feel that even these girls are too much for your ability, then I can suggest some other work for you. Do you love to be with children? The chief trouble in our work with them is that we can not always get leaders, and these are absolutely necessary, for children must be *led.* Some of you, I know, have the knack of making children glad to be busy, and there are so many things for the hands to do to help the work in other lands, and while you do this there is the splendid chance to teach them about the children for whom they are working. Could you not help out if the Band in your church has no leader, or perhaps you are ready to start a new one all your own!

These chances for work are just as much open to the graduate who leaves home for a strange city and who is really in earnest. Many find it easier to "do things" away from those who know them. Opportunities are everywhere for each one of you. Why not give your church a big part of yourself, your whole-hearted effort to do something worth while? You must have something to give. Why not try now?

Marcia Kerr.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

At a conference of workers among young people when the subject of the uniform name of "Lightbearers" was discussed, a reason given for its adoption was that the name of a society did not always indicate its character to the secretary in charge. She, not unnaturally, sent children's literature to the "Wood Violets" but they found it inappropriate, as they were mature ladies!

HOME DEPARTMENT

A YEAR ROLLS ROUND IN RHYME

[ONE of our clever China missionaries sent in such an original report that her correspondent in the Northwest Board has consented to let us give our readers the benefit of its fun and information.—EDITOR.]

SWIFTLY the year has sped away, and now arrives again the day
When we our year's report must bring, and give account of everything—
Which all the year has occupied our minds and hands and time beside.
You who the real big tasks have done, working from morn till set of sun,
And toiling in the heat of day, 'tis you who now have most to say.
But I am still a neophyte, and in a corner my small light
I trim, but still too feeble are its beams to shine out very far.
However, as you wish to hear what I've been doing all the year,
I will not make you longer wait but briefly will my tale relate.
Last fall I had a weekly rule in Miss McCoy's Sunday-school;
A class of tiny tots to teach, and try their consciences to reach.
I know not if I taught them aught, but teaching them, myself I taught.

Week-days I had another trade, for little garments then I made,
Preparing for the Christmas season a Christmas doll, a baby son;
A gift not hung upon the tree, nor down the chimney brought to me,
But welcomed with real Christmas joy: our precious little baby boy!

This little boy was so important that he took much time that he oughtn't,
And from that date the home wheels ran round and around that little man.
He failed not to make known his wants with true imperial arrogance.
On many days a single job,—that of mamma-ing little Bob,
The live-long day has occupied, leaving small room for aught beside.

The spring months have been very full, with baby, sewing, Sunday-school,
With three weeks' teaching in Truth Hall, and now and then a Chinese call
And Chinese study to fill all the chinks of time left in each day,
And help to speed me on my way toward my two-years' examination
And language worry's termination.

Housekeeping duties not a few have taken thought and much time too.
I've had three gentlemen to board, besides of servants quite a horde,
For Dr. Martin's writer, boy, cook, cook's son, and the "*hoi polloi*"
Of friends and kinsmen of his cook, have found a safe and sheltered nook,
Where they may dwell in sweet content: 'tis our backyard,—they pay no rent
And when the family goes away, they move into the house straightway:
Bag, baggage, bugs and buggage, all, they swiftly move their luggage all,
And spread it over parlor chairs, guest-bed, hat-rack, and front-hall stairs.
*Lan-Dai-Fu's year's report may tell how the intruders, she, pell-mell,
Sent forth again, but can she say that when we go back Peking-way
We'll find our house free from these codgers and all pestiferous kinds of lodgers?

What cleanings and what fumigations, trying alike to time and patience,
Must we go through before once more our house as clean is as of yore!

Though we don't live in Timbuctoo, we have our little trials too,
And though there is no cassowary who wants to eat this missionary,

*Lan-Dai-Fu is Dr. Leonard, who kindly undertook the thankless task of expelling the servants who were camping in our home during our absence at Paitaiho.

Or finds her hymn-book appetizing; yet often when soliloquizing,
She thinks we have no cause to grumble, for these small trials keep us humble,
As missionaries should be, who have traveled far from home to do
Their best to make John Chinaman a cleaner and a finer man.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

THE MISSES FULLERTON'S permanent address is Firs Cottage, Landour, Mussoorie, U. P., India.

ARRIVALS:

At New York, April 27.—Mrs. W. A. Waddell of Brazil. Address, Florida, N. Y.
At New York, May 2.—Rev. R. H. Carter of India. Address, 1315 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
At Vancouver, May 3.—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Creighton of S. China. Address, Creighton, Mo.
At New York, May 6.—Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Eckels of Siam.
At New York, May 11.—Mrs. C. H. Allen of E. Persia. Address, care Mrs. H. E. Montgomery, Silver Creek, N. Y.
At New Orleans, May 11.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace of Mexico. Address, 776 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
At New Orleans, May —.—Rev. H. A. Phillips of Mexico. Address, Care Rev. M. P. Phillips, Norma, Okla.
At New York, May 15.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Higginbottom of India. Address, Care Rev. D. B. Griffiths, Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y.
At New York, May 15.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lester of Chile.
At New York, May 23.—Mrs. C. W. McCleary of Africa. Address, Fairfield, Ia.
At New York, May 30.—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoisington of Africa. Address, R. D. 5, Rockford, Ill.
At New York, May 30.—Miss Margaret Best of Korea.
At New York, May 31.—Miss Amanda M. Kerr of India. Address, 497 E. 29th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
At New York, May 31.—Miss Alice B. Jones of India. Address, 372 N. Grove St., East Orange, N. J.
At ———.—Miss Mary A. Posey of Central China. Address, 830 La Salle Ave., Chicago, Ill.

MARRIAGE:

At Williamstown, Mass., March 24, Miss Annie W. Stocking of the East Persia Mission to Mr. Arthur C. Boyce, under appointment for East Persia.

RESIGNATIONS:

Rev. and Mrs. Paul P. Faris and Miss Margaret Faris of Shantung, China. Appointed, 1905.
Rev. W. O. Yates of Chieng Mai, N. Siam. Appointed, 1909.

DEATH:

At Hollywood, Cal., April 26, Mrs. J. F. Holcomb of the India Mission. Appointed 1870.

A HOUSE with twelve bedrooms at Northfield, Mass., is offered rent free to missionaries for this summer. It is on a breezy hill, a mile from the auditorium and a trifle farther from the village, fully furnished, good stove, fair supply of cooking utensils, glass and china; no table or bed linen. Its disadvantages are: distance from village, which sometimes prevents trades people from going to house, and occasional difficulty with water supply, because of the inadequate village system. Application should be made to Mr. E. C. Wood, 164 W. School Lane, Germantown, Phila., Pa.

SYNODICAL SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

IN THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AT WOOSTER, OHIO, AUGUST 7–13.

MANY women united in the bonds of a common interest will be there in close, helpful contact and social intercourse, for one week. It will be a vitalizing contact with one another and with great leaders of missionary forces. The specially educational features will be two classes studying the Mission Text-books. There will be daily devotional Bible study, and daily inspirational addresses. Miss Gertrude Schultz of our Foreign Board will conduct the study of *The Child in the Midst.* Opportunity will be given to meet the large number of resident missionaries, and to hear short talks concerning the mission fields represented by them. They will also lend a most interesting exhibit from the great wealth of costumes and curios owned by them. In no one place in our country could such a collection be shown. There will be a display of a great collection of programmes of local and presbyterial societies, posters and charts used in study class work, in advertisements, etc. Also illustrative material used in work with children. All are earnestly solicited to lend such material for this purpose. Kindly send it from August 5–7, to School of Missions, Hoover College, Wooster, Ohio.

An old missionary writes: "The School of Missions was such an uplift to me that I shall never be willing to miss attendance. It brought me into vastly closer touch with my Master as He lived to pray and to work for souls in all lands, and taught me that Christ is lifting humanity unto Himself." And a home worker says: "We are lifted out of the narrow circle of our own little missionary society; we are made to feel the rapid pulse-beat of great things, we are thrilled with the onward march of events and become allied to a world-wide conquest for our Lord."

WAYS OF WORKING

A Literature Secretary writes: "You will notice my subscription list is larger than usual. At our February Praise-meeting I solicited every lady present to take the magazine and my effort met with good success. I trimmed up a dress with the gay magazine covers and advertised my goods in that way."

We quote from *Missionary Tidings*, published by the Christian Women's Board of Missions, a suggestive little narrative called: "The Most Interesting Meeting of a Missionary Society I Ever Attended." In a town where the members of our Women's Missionary Society were very busy, many being employed away from home all day, our monthly meetings were held in the evening. They were to many the nearest approach to a social gathering they ever attended, and were looked forward to with eagerness. The meetings were held in the homes of the members, and the leader and hostess arranged together to make them instructive and delightful.

On a recent evening the topic was Mexico, a study of the priest-ridden, downtrodden people. A number of leaflets and *Missionary Tidings* articles were used in the programme, but we were not permitted to read any of them. We had been told that we must make these articles "our own" and tell them instead of reading them. At roll-call each one responded with an item gleaned from the *Missionary Tidings* or an incident in the life of a missionary. Our hostess then gave each one a pencil and a slip of paper with numbers from one to twenty-five on the paper. We had before noticed many pictures pinned around the room. These had been cut from the *Missionary Tidings* and the *King's Builders* and were the pictures of our missionaries and the mission buildings. Each picture was numbered, but the name cut off. We were asked to write our answer opposite the corresponding number on our paper. The little son of one of our members, aged ten, was allowed to enter the contest, and won the prize. This little fellow was a member of our Mission Band, a subscriber to the *King's Builders*, and knew all the pictures.

Pinned on the walls, on the curtains and picture frames were many slips of paper. Each paper had written on it a part of a missionary text or other Bible quotation. We were told to match these texts, getting as many complete ones as possible, in a certain length of time. When the time had expired, the one having the most correct texts was given a copy of the "Sketch Book."

The hostess then served light refreshments, and we were asked to discuss with our nearest neighbor the article in the last *Missionary Tidings* that interested us most. This society grew from a small band of consecrated women to a membership of sixty-five within a little more than a year.—*A Member.*

AT CLIFTON SPRINGS

The thirty-first annual Conference of the International Missionary Union, which convened at Clifton Springs, N. Y., in May, was distinguished by its optimism, earnestness, breadth of view, and devotion to the great work of carrying the Gospel of our Divine Master to the uttermost parts of the earth. There were in attendance over one hundred and fifty men and women, representing some twenty-two different organizations. The accounts from all parts of the field were ably presented and almost universally indicated advance. We regret that space limits prohibit a detailed report of the proceedings.

There was remarkable interest in the addresses of Miss Nellie Reed, Rev. W. S. Bannerman, Mr. Geo. C. Reed and Rev. Thos. Moody, referring to the wonderful progress recently made in the hitherto remote parts of Africa, while the messages brought from such almost unknown lands as Assam, by Rev. Wm. Pettigrew, and Borneo, by Rev. James M. Hoover, were indeed thrilling; again proving (if proof were needed) that the foreign missionary movement is the greatest civilizing force at work in the world to-day. The colonizing of a thousand Chinese Christians in Borneo, as described by Mr. Hoover, demonstrating the possibility of providing for the overflow of population from the congested Orient, is of far-reaching importance and should have world-wide recognition.

The great influence exercised by women in the foreign work was well illustrated by Mrs. I. T. Headland, M. D., in the intensely interesting description of her medical practice and acts of Christian love among Chinese families, both of royal and humble rank.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, President of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Arcot, India. He emphasized the adaptability of Christianity to all races, and the effort which should be made toward establishing native churches in non-Christian lands as rapidly as the people become sufficiently grounded in the truth to maintain it in its purity. It was a masterful presentation of facts and arguments, applicable not only to India but also to the entire so-called foreign field.

Allusion should be made to the memorial service on Sunday afternoon, held on the sacred ground where rest the bodies of those who, having finished their labor here, have been called by the Great Leader to still nobler service in the unlimited field beyond.

(*Mrs. Geo. S.*) *Caroline S. Humphrey.*

"Heroism does not mean the absence of fear, but the conquest of it," we are told by Dr. Van Dyke. Fear is one of the troubles which members of our missionary societies often have to strive against when they accept a position of importance, for instance, the position of Secretary of Literature. It takes the woman who has conquered fear to make a good secretary, for one who has any doubts as to the excellence of the magazines she is trying to sell, or of the cause they represent, will not be willing to approach other members of the congregation, or the pastor or the superintendent of the Sunday-school to persuade them to subscribe to the *only* junior missionary magazine of the Presbyterian Church, *Over Sea and Land.*

A letter recently received from Buffalo, New York, referring to the *Twelve Light Bearers*, the entertainment written specially to assist in procuring subscriptions to *Over Sea and Land*, says: "The little entertainment was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and though we had not asked for any money that evening, we took in the money for 31 subscriptions, and the promise of 19. This number of paid subscriptions has increased to 71,—and subscriptions are still coming in. The children are delighted."

Y. W. C. A. SUMMER CONFERENCES.

FIFTH Quadrennial Conference of the World's Young Women's Christian Association, Stockholm, Sweden, June 10–18.

Southern General—Blue Ridge, Black Mountain, N. C., June 2 to 12.

School Girls'—Eagle's Mere, Pa., June 12 to 19.

Northwest General—Cohassett Beach, Wash., June 23 to July 3.

Eastern Student—Silver Bay, on Lake George, N. Y., June 19 to 29.

Eastern City—Silver Bay, on Lake George, N. Y., July 21 to 30.

East Central Student—Eagle's Mere, Pa., June 23 to July 3.

Pacific Coast Student—Asilomar, Cal., near Pacific Grove, August 4 to 13.

Pacific Coast City—Asilomar, Cal., near Pacific Grove, August 14 to 24.

Western City—Estes Park, Col., August 14 to 24.

Western Student—Estes Park, Col., August 25 to September 4.

Central City and County—Lake Geneva, Wis., August 14 to 24.

Central Student—Lake Geneva, Wis., August 25 to September 4.

High School Girls' Council, Altamont, New York, August 25 to September 3.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Regular meetings of the Society discontinued until September 15.

TOPICS FOR PRAYER: *Review of the past year, Annual Reports.*

CORPORATION MEETING, May fifth, fulfilled its important function of electing the Directors and officers of the Society and giving us the right start for the year. Miss Hodge, in resuming the presidency for the fourth time, spoke with clearer vision than ever of the mission of this great Society and repeated the year-text chosen at the Pittsburgh Assembly (Isa. 54:2, last clause), as our aim for 1914–15. Just how we may strengthen our stakes will be definitely told in these columns later on. Changes in the staff are given exactly on the third page of the cover of WOMAN'S WORK, but we call attention to the fact that the work of our vice-president, Mrs. Weitzel, who now assumes the presidency of the Philadelphia Presbyterial Society, will devolve hereafter upon four secretaries: that Mrs. Morris now becomes a vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Howell succeeds her as candidate secretary and Miss Harris is to correspond with Young Women's Societies. Every office is well filled and there is a spirit of high ambition.

DURING the year, three of our beloved officers have passed on into the Father's house. Our vice-president, Miss C. W. Stewart of Spruce Creek, Pa., held the missionary torch high and without wavering through nearly all the years of the history of this Society. Mrs. Philip H. Mowry of Chester, Pa., another vice-president, was formerly, as Miss Du Bois, a foreign secretary and though of late years an invalid her missionary interest never flagged. Mrs. J. W. Cochran, formerly secretary for India, in the prime of her life and beauty gently fell on sleep.

OUR missionary visitors have been many and most welcome. From China came Dr. and Mrs. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. Patton, Miss Faris, Mrs. Espey, Dr. Schultz and Miss Dora Yü of Shanghai to speak to the "girls;" India sent us Mrs. Huntsberger of the Congregational Board and Dr. Annie Young; Mrs. Vanneman spoke for Persia and Mr. Eckels for Siam, advising us to reconstruct our out-of-date map of Siam and Laos. All had a message of cheer, even Dr. Schultz, who impressed the fact that there is only one doctor in China to one million of people.

A COPY of the Annual Report will be mailed in June to each auxiliary society. If there should not be an auxiliary in the church, the Report will be sent to one of the other organizations on application to 501 Witherspoon Building.

MISSIONARY charts to rent, 5 cts.; postage additional. In scope general and special. Send for list.

LEAFLETS FOR THE MONTH: *One Year's Stewardship*, 25 cts.; *Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society*, 10 cts.; *Twenty Questions for a Quiet Hour at the Close of a Year's Work*, 1 ct.; *The Diary of One Member*, 2 cts.

NEW LEAFLETS: *Foreign Missionaries Supported by the National Westminster Guild*, 2 cts., 20 cts. a doz.; *Presbyterian Medical Missions*, (Dr. Halsey,) 15 cts.; *Hospitals in Siam* (revised), 3 cts.; *Instructions for Literature Secretaries*, free; List of leaflets to use with the Junior book, *Our World Family*, free.

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

THE week of the meeting of General Assembly was one to stir our hearts. Many of our missionaries were here and visited our rooms. Rev. S. G. Wilson of Persia, though still much impaired in health, was present to greet us. Rev. T. C. Winn of Japan gave one of the most touching tributes to his wife we ever heard given to any woman. Mrs. Winn's life was one of noblest efforts and successes. The tributes paid by the Japanese, after her death, showed her strong hold upon the people.

PROF. AND MRS. R. A. BROWN were also present. They are just home from Mexico, refugees.

SUMMER Schools of Missions in our territory meet on the following dates: Winona Lake, June 25th to July 2d; Boulder, Col., July 7th to July 14th; Merriam Pk., Minn., June 17th to June 23d; Okobiji, Arnold Pk., Ia., July 24th to August 2d; Omaha, Neb., June 22d to June 29th; Duluth, Minn., June 10th to June 17th.

ON Monday, May 25th, the following programme proved most interesting and suggestive at the Conference of Mission Study Secretaries, Mrs. Noble C. King, presiding:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Message from Mrs. A. L. Berry.
3. *Conference.*
   (a) The value of missionary education to the individual and the enterprise.
   (b) Various methods of missionary education.
   (c) The Mission Study Class.
   Mr. B. Carter Millikin.
4. Luncheon, followed by discussion.

Friday, May 22d.

1. Devotional
2. *Conference.*
   (a) The Program 1914–15. Mrs. Williamson.
   (b) "The Child in the Midst." Miss Mathews.
   (c) Relation of Presbyterial and Synodical

Mission Study Secretaries to Board, P. D. M. E., etc. Mr. Millikin.
(d) How best promote mission study in my territory. Miss Adams.
(e) Field Problems, by Secretaries themselves.

LEAFLETS: *One Year's Stewardship*, 25 cts.; *Annual Report, Board of the Northwest*, 10 cts.; *Our Presbyterian Church Poster*, 5 cts.; *The Woman's Missionary Society, How the Quest for Ah Yohe Discovered Yute Wah and Ah Oie*, each 2 cts.

From New York

THE May Meeting was held a day too early for those gathered in the upper room to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing Dr. and Mrs. Eckels and Miss Cole of Siam. They were landing from the *Olympic* while the meeting was in progress. Dr. Arthur J. Brown gave an inspiring address showing the expansion of the work, and the great gain of 162 per cent. He mentioned the extraordinary situation that still exists in China; the amazing results that are noted in Korea where the church has stood the shock of persecution, made up as it is of men unafraid. India's social unrest was pictured as a ship in the sweep of a mighty current. So in every land "God is moving on the face of the waters," and immense transformations are taking place. In the faces of the tremendous possibilities presented each individual Christian was led to ask herself the question, "How much owest thou?" Dr. L. C. Bulkley of Tap Teang, Siam, spoke on the text, "That they all may be one." He described the difficulty of training native Christians to settle all matters of dispute by discussion with the church rather than by resort to the law courts. As lawsuits are a favorite diversion in Siam the natives are not inclined to yield easily to the advice and admonition of the missionary.

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From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10.30 A. M., Room 708, 816 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Visitors always cordially welcome.

BOARD meetings during the month of May were blessed with an unusual number of visitors. Mrs. Geo. S. McCune of Korea spent one morning with us, and not only won all hearts by her charming personality, but delivered a vivid, appealing view of the work and needs of her station. It seems that here, as in nearly every other country, the cry is, "If we could only have money to expand and meet the demands of these people who thirst for Christianity!" We ourselves would not consider suffering the discomforts which missionaries undergo every day that just one more and still one more child or adult may be received into a school or mission.

AT another meeting Miss Jane Thompson was introduced to the members. She has completed the course at Moody Institute, been accepted by the Board and will sail for India in September.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Chicago has been the topic of most interest to Presbyterians lately, and those who must play stay-at-home were only too glad to meet various synodical and presbyterial presidents who visited the Board Rooms and met many of the members.

A MOST enthusiastic letter was received from Dr. Fleming, Ichowfu, China, in which she spoke gratefully of three hundred dollars for equipment received from Philadelphia—but also added a little sigh that that amount had to cover so much! She expressed the hope that Miss Maria Wagner, a trained nurse, would be with her soon. Miss Wagner at present is studying in a language school.

MISS JULIA HYDE, formerly young people's secretary, is once more able to be with us though as yet she holds out no expectation of resuming her former position.

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From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meeting first Monday of each month at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive meeting every third Monday. Prayer service first and third Monday from 12 till 12.30.

EIGHT hundred women made their way to the banquet hall at the Fairmont Hotel, to greet Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, who had just arrived from a tour of the world. The luncheon was given under the auspices of a committee of more than one hundred women, which is arranging for a world-wide Woman's Congress of Missions to be held here next year during the Panama-Pacific Exposition. We had read Mrs. Montgomery's books, and heard her speak, and with a new supply of facts gathered through her clear and practical vision, it was a rare treat to listen to her again. Her audience was most enthusiastic. Mrs. Montgomery is President of the National Woman's Missionary Society of one of the largest communions; she leads a Bible-class of two hundred and fifty women each Sunday morning at home; she also has an influence in civic affairs and in the Board of Education.

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

The Year Book of Prayer, edited for the Women's Boards, by Mrs. Halsey L. Wood. In addition to the names of all our missionaries and their especial work, there are excellent small maps, a pronouncing index, stations and other Mission Boards; statistics of Christian Endeavor Societies in all lands; a summary of the foreign work, and lists of the missionaries associated with each Woman's Board. Price, 10 cts. *Historical Sketch*, for each country, 10 cts.; *Question Book*, 5 cts.; *Text-books for Study Classes; The King's Business; A Manual of Efficiency*, by Mrs. Paul Raymond. Cloth 50 cts., postage, 8 cts.; paper 30 cts., postage 6 cts. Set of five charts to use in connection with *The King's Business*, 25 cts.; postage, 5 cts.; *How to Use The King's Business* (ready in September), 10 cts.; The Junior text-book *Missionary Helps for Junior Leaders*, 25 cts.

OTHER TEXT-BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED STUDY OF MISSIONS.

Nearer and Farther East, a study of Mohammedan Lands, Zwemer and Brown; *The Gospel in Latin Lands*, outline studies of Protestant work in Latin countries, Clark; *Western Women in Eastern Lands*, Helen Montgomery; *The Light of the World*, an outline study of Christianity and Non-Christian Religions, Speer; *China's New Day*, Headland. Price of each of these five, 30 cts., paper; 50 cts., cloth; postage on each, paper 6 cts.; cloth, 8 cts. For Young People: *The Emergency in China*, paper, 35 cts.; cloth 50 cts.; *Mexico To-day*, 35 cts.; *An Oriental Land of the Free* (Laos), 35 cts.; *Daybreak in the Dark Continent* (Africa), 35 cts.; *Decisive Hour of Christian Missions*, 35 cts.; *India*

Awakening, 35 cts.; *Korea in Transition,* 35 cts.; *Serrants of the King* (for Intermediates), 30 cts.; *Finding-Out Club; Golden Key; Touring in the Gleam; Young China Hunters,* for Juniors, 20 cts. each; *Missionary Helps for Junior Leaders,* 25 cts.

From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday each month, and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2.30 P. M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 454 Alder St., Portland.

ACCORDING to our constitution, on the fourth Wednesday of April our Board held an executive meeting at which the annual reports of its secretaries and treasurer were presented. The printed Annual Report is now in the hands of our societies, and all auxiliaries are requested to hold a meeting devoted to the reading of the same and noting advance, suggestions and aims. It will be the policy of the present year to build up all existing departments rather than start new ones. Please note the "Plan of Work for 1914-1915" contained in the printed Report. It is briefly as follows:

(1) A missionary society and a contributing C. E. Society in every church. (2) A missionary magazine in every home. (3) A ten per cent. increase in *regular* contributions, and a special offering for the new China Fund. (Note the suggestion on the division of our gifts this coming year). *Y. P. S. C. E.* and Junior C. E. Societies are urged to support their own missionaries, Mr. E. T. Allen in Urumia, Persia, and Miss M. L. Beaty in Porto Rico, and scholarships in Albion Academy. *Bands* will contribute to hospital work in Peking, China; also hospital needs in San Juan, Porto Rico. *Westminster Guild Chapters* will support six missionaries on the foreign field and the home objects are Haines Hospital, Alaska, Dorland Institute, N. C., and Colegio Americano, Porto Rico. The new form of revenue statement in the Annual Report is a study in organization. It will be helpful to all officers. Societies will help ease the labor of presbyterial treasurers by remembering to send quarterly payments in even dollars before the tenth of June, September, December and March.

GRANDE RONDE Presbytery reports an interesting annual meeting. We had heard nothing from it in time for last month's notes, except that it was held in Sumpter, Ore., and that Mrs. W. J. Honeyman represented the Board there, but we are glad to learn that three papers reviewing the *New Era in Asia* were of deep interest. One was on Japan, another on Korea and the third on China. An excellent map talk was instructive and reports on Mission Study, Bands and C. E. Societies were of deep interest and encouragement.

A LITTLE item of interest comes to us from Sitka, Alaska. There is a society of Indian women there numbering fourteen that held *sixty-three* meetings last year.

LEAFLETS: *Presbyterian Medical Missionaries,* 25 cts.; *Out from India's Outcasts,* 2 cts.; *Things Siamese,* 2 cts.; *Westminster Guild Bulletin,* 3 numbers, 15 cts a year. *Autobiographical Sketches of Westminster Guild Missionaries,* 10 cts.; a folder of pictures of missionaries supported by the National Westminster Guild, 2 cts. each, 20 cts. a doz.

RECEIPTS TO MAY 15, 1914

By totals from Presbyterial Societies

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

ATHENS,	$8.50	NASHVILLE,	$5.00
CATAWBA,	4.79	PORTSMOUTH,	25.00
CHESTER,	25.00	WELLSBORO,	5.00
CHILLICOTHE,	15.00	WESTMINSTER,	4.00
FLORIDA,	50.00	Miscellaneous,	207.00
MARION,	310.00		

Receipts from April 15th to May 15th,		
Regular,	$624.29	
New China Fund,	35.00	$659.29
Total receipts since March 15th,		
Regular,	$1,405.28	
New China Fund,	2,675.61	$4,080.89

(MISS) SARAH W. CATTELL, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ADAMS,	$15.00	FARGO,	$15.00
BLACK HILLS,	10.00	FLINT,	20.00
BOULDER,	5.00	HASTINGS,	21.00
BUTTE,	12.00	HELENA,	9.13
CENTRAL WEST,	2.00	IOWA CITY,	72.00
CHICAGO,	2,940.71	KALAMAZOO,	27.00
CHIPPEWA,	2,793.48	KEARNEY,	10.00
CORNING,	3.00	MADISON,	103.00
DES MOINES,	15.00	MANKATO,	48.50
DETROIT,	226.00	MATTOON,	25.00
DULUTH,	2.00	MONROE,	71.00
EWING,	5.00	NEBRASKA CITY,	10.00
OAKES,	$6.00	SIOUX FALLS,	$60.00
RUSHVILLE,	64.45	SPRINGFIELD,	5.00
SAGINAW,	112.14	YELLOWSTONE,	9.00
ST. CLOUD,	25.00	Miscellaneous,	514.30
ST. PAUL,	10.00		

Total for month (including New China Fund—$370.50),	$7,266.71
Total from March 16th, (Including New China Fund),—$1,266.25.	$14,067.58

(MRS.) THOS. E. D. BRADLEY, *Treas.*,
Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

BINGHAMTON,	$71.00	NEW YORK,	$3,596.51
BROOKLYN,	71.00	ROCHESTER,	332.25
BUFFALO,	661.50	SYRACUSE,	317.00
CAYUGA,	669.50	TROY,	265.00
GENESEE,	51.00	WESTCHESTER,	66.50
MORRIS & ORANGE,	615.50	Miscellaneous,	279.35
NASSAU,	64.10		

Receipts from April 15th, to May 15th,		
Regular,	$6,734.58	
New China Fund,	325.63	$7,060.21
Total since March 15th,		
Regular,	$8,346.56	
New China Fund,	408.58	$8,755.14

(MISS) HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

DALLAS,	$800.00	OSBORNE,	$3.50
HIGHLAND,	36.00	OZARK,	16.00
IRON MT.,	5.00	PECOS VALLEY,	3.00
KIAMICHI,	1.00	SEDALIA,	5.00
NEOSHO,	5.00	Miscellaneous,	13.44

Total for May,	$ 887.94
Total to date,	1,077.19
China Fund to date,	82.32

MRS. WM. BURO, *Treas.*,
Per D. P.

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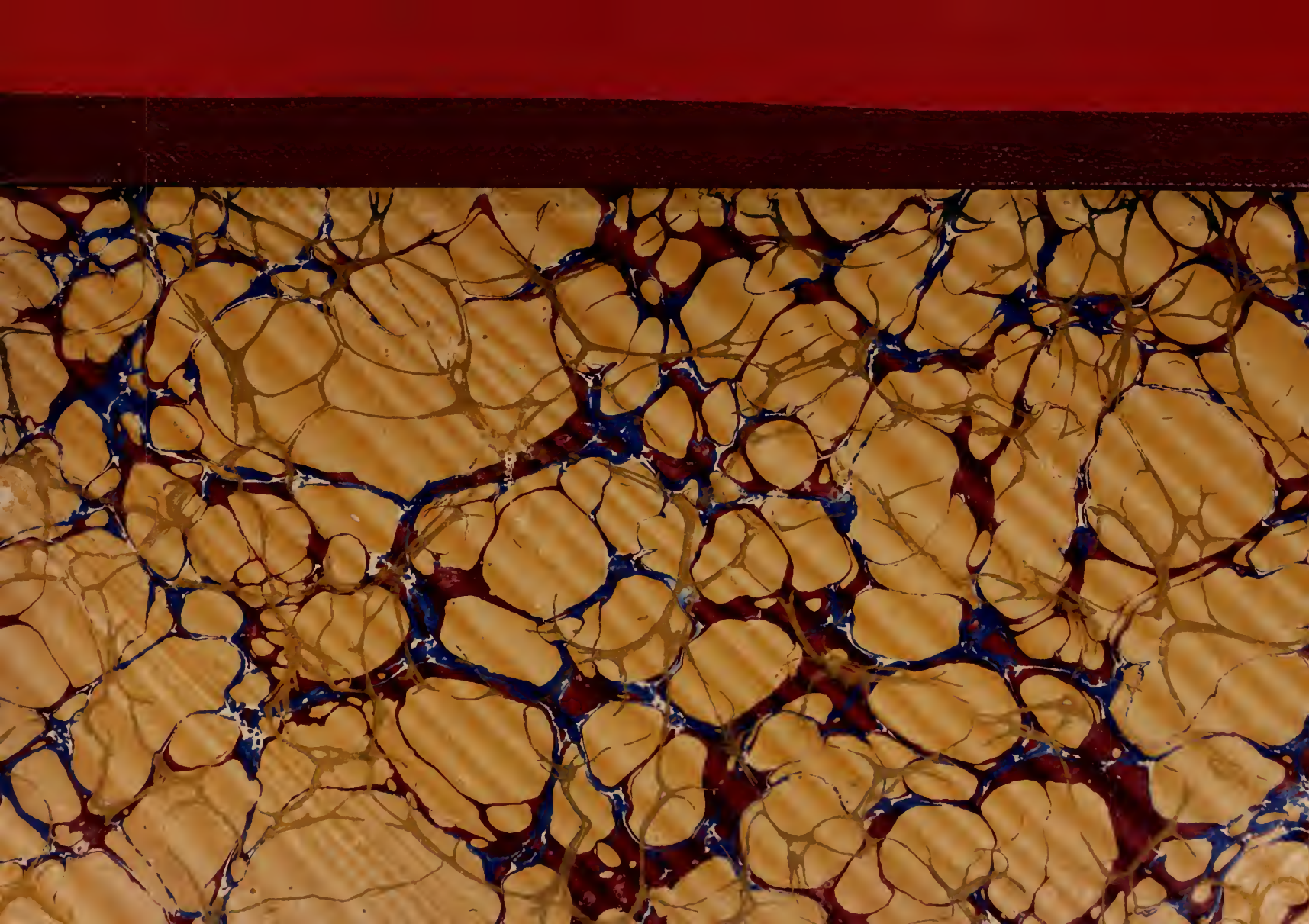
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